

by þe mwardnesse of þe merci of  
oure god: in þe which he forþgyn  
ge vp fro an hy. hay vilyted vs  
to þine lyt to hem þat sitte in derc  
nelis: & in shadowne of deap to  
dresse our feet: into þe weye  
of pees: & þe childe weride: and  
was confortid in spirit: & was  
in desert placis. til to þe day of  
his theibig to yrael. **C. ij.**

**A**nd it was don in þo day  
es a maide met wente  
out fro þe empero: þat  
al þe world shulde be distruied.  
his firste distruing was maad  
of crym justice of synne: & alle  
me wenten to make pession:  
eth into his owne citee: & joleph  
wente vp fro gable fro þe cite  
nazareth. into judee unto a ci  
te of dauny þat is clepid bethle  
em. for þat he was of þe hous &  
of þe meyne of dauny: þat he sh  
ulde knowleche wy marie his  
wyf þat weddid to hy & was gre  
et wy childe: & it was don while  
þei weren yet. þe dayes weren  
fulfillid y she shulde bere childe:  
and she bare hyr firste born sone:  
& wlapide hy in cloys: & leyde  
hy in a crache. for y was no pla  
ce to hy in no chaubur. **¶** And sh  
epherdis weren in þe same ci  
tre: wakyng & keppege þe wach  
of þe nygt on her flot: & lo þe an  
gel of þe lord stood bysidis hem:  
& þe clerenesse of god shynede  
aboute hem. & þei dreden wy  
greet drede: & þe angel seide to  
hy: nyle ze drede: for lo y preche  
to þou. a greet ioie. þat shal be  
to al peple: for a sampon is  
born of þe to day to þou. y is &

þe lord in þe citee of dauny: and  
þis is a tokene to þou: ze sh  
len fynde among childe wlapid  
cloys: & leyde in a crache: & lude  
ly þe was maad wy þe angel a  
militude of heuenly knyghtod: be  
ryngge god & sepyge glorie be in  
þe hysse pigis to god: & in erpe  
pees be to me of good wille: & it  
was don. as þe angelis passiden  
a wey fro hem in to heuener: þe she  
pardis spaken to gudre & seiden  
go we ouer to bethlem: & se we  
þis word þat is maad. which þe lord  
hay maad & shewid to us: & þe  
herynge came: & fouden marie  
& joleph: & þe zong childe leid in a  
crache: & þe sepyng & knen of  
þe word þat was leid to he of þis  
childe: and alle me þat herde won  
druten: & of þes pigis y weren  
leid to hem of þe shepardis: but  
marie kepte alle þes wordis.  
berpyngge to gudre in hyr her te  
& þe shepardis tynreden gen  
gloryfyinge & herpyngge god in  
alle pigis y þei hadden herd &  
seyn: as it was leid to hem. **¶**  
ast y þe exre dayes were en  
did. y þe childe shulde be circuli  
did: his name was clepid ihu:  
which was clepid of þe angel:  
bifore y he was cōseyned in wom  
be. **¶** And astir y þe dayes of þe  
purgacioil of marie weren  
fulfillid ast moyses lawe: þei  
tooken hy into ierlm to offere hy  
to þe lord. As it is writen in þe  
lawe of þe lord: for euery male  
kynde openyge þe wombe: sh  
al be clepid hoohy to þe lord: &  
y þei shulen zyne an offring:  
ast y it is leid in þe lawe of þe

lord. a  
culie  
in ier  
on: & y  
ous. &  
þe ho  
hadde  
ly gost  
but he  
lord: &  
ple: and  
ledde  
cuthom  
hy into  
god & se  
y seru  
for my  
which y  
foze y  
to þe al  
glorie of  
dri & hy  
ge. on y  
hy & syn  
to mari  
into þe  
lyg: aze  
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be agen  
puz ym  
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ans was  
faniel.  
she had  
i hadde  
senen ze  
ris was  
zeer & fo  
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myt & d  
ris: & y  
our: & k  
spak of